



Newsletter 9/2021

18 May 2021

Dear Parents

## Staff

- We work with the most amazing people! Every day is filled with laughing, gentle teasing and fun if you are a staff member at the Red School! Thank you to all who make coming to work for us all such a pleasure!
- Thanks to all the staff who have given up personal time this year already for the benefit of your children. Almost every single weekend and a few nights a week, our staff are involved in something that adds value to the school community but takes them away from their families.
- Staffing the school daily is proving rather challenging! We haven't had a full team of staff since the easter weekend! Every day since then we have had at least two staff off per day, with some days having four! With Covid isolation, mumps, deaths in families and the stomach bug going around, we really are stretched.

## Red Runners

Tomorrow and on Thursday, weather permitting, the children will enjoy a day of physical activity on the field. Unfortunately, we can't include spectators! Children should arrive at school in their house colours: red for Gardener, yellow for Wells and white/blue for Clear. Flat races and fun races are planned, and all will be masked throughout the day. You can send blankets for children to sit on, and don't forget sunblock, hats and water bottles.

Thanks in advance to those who will be making popcorn and s'mores for the children to buy... The money will be added to the Solidarity Fund.

Fruit will be given to the children to replenish their energy, therefore we ask that each grade donate the following fruit:

Grade RR: Grapes

Grade 1: Apples

Grade 2: Oranges

Grade 3: Bananas

Grade 4: Grapes

Grade 5: Apples

Grade 6: Oranges

Grade 7: Bananas

The fruit can be brought to the school on the day of the event. Children can bring these into their classrooms and then they will be moved to the Needlework Room.

### **Sport during Covid**

Some families haven't been happy that we continue to do sport the way we have done so far as the Department of Education has promulgated an amendment to the Disaster Act that allows contact sport to resume. We have been hesitant because if children are unmasked for sport, why would we not have them unmasked for teaching? This week DBE will hold two meetings to discuss this as cases in Gauteng are reported to be rising among pupils and they suspect that sport is causing this rise.

### **Virtual Sports Showcase**

We will be hosting a Virtual Sports Showcase live on Zoom and Facebook tomorrow, 19 May. There will be two sessions: one between 09:30 – 10:30 and the other between 11:00 – 12:00. See flyer on page 8.

### **Admissions**

A reminder to those families who have children for Red Roots in 2022 that you will need to respond to the offer by 24 May.

### **Assessments this term**

The assessment planners have been sent to all families so that revision can be supervised on a daily basis. Continuous assessments have been planned throughout the term and assessment week will be from Friday 4 June to Friday 11 June. You will be informed if assessment dates have to be changed.

### **Learning Support**

Join us for our next workshop where we'll be looking at Techniques for Approaching Assessments. This workshop is tailored for Grade 4-7 parents and it should equip you to help your child prepare for any type of assessment. See flyer on page 7.

### **School fees**

A reminder that you should have paid four instalments already. A reminder, too, that extra activities that you choose for your child, need to be paid for, too, or your child will be removed from the activity – activities like aftercare, learning support, the creative and talented programme and music. If you are struggling to pay school fees, please contact Crystal on [bursar@pnps.co.za](mailto:bursar@pnps.co.za) so that. A plan can be made.

### **Discipline at Pinelands North**

At application interviews, several families not familiar with our school yet ask me about discipline at the school. Every time I can proudly say that we don't have discipline problems at our school! Our families are so much part of the process too, so thank you for the positive way you deal with your children and with the staff, when they need you to intervene! Catching children doing things right really makes a difference!

### **Early Act**

- **Knitted Teddies**

Several organisations collect knitted teddy bears to give to children who are traumatised.

If you'd like to knit these, here is the pattern:

- Use No.9 (3.75mm) needles for double knitting wool or if using 4 ply wool use No.11 (3mm) needles.
- For the first leg cast on 15 stitches and knit 44 rows. Put stitches on holder.
- For the second leg cast on another 15 stitches and knit 44 rows.

- Join the two legs together (30 stitches) and knit 44 rows to make the torso.
- Cast on 18 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows for the arms.
- Knit 24 rows.
- Cast off the arms leaving 30 stitches for the head. Knit 44 rows then cast off.
- Repeat all this for the second side.

Those who would rather continue to knit beanies for babies at Mowbray Maternity and squares for blankets may continue to do so.

● **Proudly South African Civvies Day**

Austin Smith is a South African Hockey player and past pupil of PNPS. With this year’s Tokyo Olympics approaching, Austin and The South African National Men’s Squad are currently working on raising funds to get the squad to this amazing event. Unfortunately, the team does not have a sponsor and therefore players are required to fund themselves to get to the Olympic Games.

We would like to assist with raising funds by having a *Proudly South African Day* at school on Friday, 28 May.

This event will involve four initiatives:

1. For R10, children can come dressed in their *Proudly South African Civvies*. The best dressed pupil will receive a brand-new, top quality *Princess* hockey stick.
2. For R10, children can enter our *Proudly South African Raffle*. R10 is one entry and children may enter multiple times (2 entries = R20). The prize up for grabs is an autographed SA Men’s Hockey Shirt!
3. For R10, you can get an autograph from Austin Smith. Multiple autographs can be purchased.
4. For R20, you can receive a personal video message from Austin Smith. Multiple messages can also be purchased for your family and friends.
5. A ticket for this event will be given to each child on Tuesday, 18 May. If you wish to participate, tickets must be filled in and returned to the Finance Office by Tuesday, 25 May. Cash can be attached to the ticket in an envelope or paid via the Karri app. Please indicate on the ticket if you are paying with cash or through Karri (see below for an example). Lost tickets will need to be reprinted at home. We thank you for your support and cannot wait to see all our *Proudly South African* pupils!

**Megan Culligan**

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<b>SA Hockey Fundraiser 2021</b>			
Name: <b>CASH / KARRI</b>			
Grade:			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Email Address(es)</i>
Civvies (R10)		R	
Raffle (R10/entry)		R	
Autograph (R10/autograph)		R	
Video Message (R20/message)		R	
<b>Total Amount</b>		R	

### **Our wonderful parents**

While running last week, I was overwhelmed again by the parents of PNPS. Thank you to the numerous parents who help our school; in the Red Connect and Governing Body, in playground duty and helping out with the traffic in the mornings; and in fact, everywhere! I don't know of another school as privileged as us! Thank you!

*Thank you!*

### **Parent Volunteers**

It has been brilliant to see how many parents have been helping with playground duty and the morning traffic control. Staff report that this has been so helpful to them. Parents share how fun it is to be involved in the school space again after so long. There are still some volunteer slots open should you want to help: either on a weekly basis or on dates based on your availability. To sign up [CLICK HERE](#) or email [jacquitooke@gmail.com](mailto:jacquitooke@gmail.com)

**Jacqui Tooke**

### **Recycling and the environment**

Although the school's recycling programme is no longer active, I am hoping that families are still recycling waste. Remember it is our responsibility as a generation to ensure the children and adults of the future understand the need for reuse, reduce and recycle.

### **Aftercare**

Aftercare isn't full at the moment and so this is the perfect opportunity for you to take advantage of the space. Please contact Toni at [aftercare@pnps.co.za](mailto:aftercare@pnps.co.za) if you need haltercare or full care. A holiday programme will run in both weeks of the July holiday too.

### **The personal touch**

Please ensure that your children wear name badges. We like to call children by their names as it makes them feel very special. Not all staff know every child's name and it is lovely if they can use the child's name. If your child has lost their badge, make a payment of R45 to the Finance office and order another with Erica.

### **Lost Property**

Lost property has really been reduced this year (for no reason we can pinpoint!) Thank you for naming your children's equipment and clothing and for sending them to the wooden storage unit in front of the gender-neutral toilets to collect lost items.

### **Instagram**

As most of us know, PNPS is always abuzz with activity. At times it can be difficult to keep up! Fortunately, we have a great team of people working to document and share all of the great work that gets done at our school and by our community.

Many of you already follow our Facebook and Instagram pages and we would like to thank you for your continued support; and please do give us a follow if you haven't already. We are planning on being more active on Instagram so please do create an account, give us a follow and get ready for lots of great content! Find us on Facebook as Pinelands North Primary School and on Instagram at [@pinelandsnorthprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/pinelandsnorthprimaryschool) 😊

## Awards 2021

We will be holding awards ceremonies for every grade this year, but only the grade 7 award ceremony will include parents. We plan to have this ceremony from 8:30 – 9:30 on Friday, 10 December, so parents can remain with us after drop off.

Other grades dates are:

Red Roots 22 November

Grade 1 23 November

Grade 2 24 November

Grade 3 25 November

Grade 4 26 November

Grade 5 29 November

Grade 6 30 November

## Can you help?

- Our ducks have eaten all the snails in the school garden and are desperate for a meal! Please send snails for them with your children.
- A reminder, too, that we always welcome 2<sup>nd</sup> hand items of uniform that your child may have outgrown. Items for re-sale should be marked with your name and contact number, or if a donation, please mark the bag as such.
- We have created another 'classroom' in the Quiet Quad alongside the hall. Although the tables and chairs are undercover, heavy rain will damage the tables and so we are looking for large pieces of heavy-duty plastic or plastic tablecloths that we can fix to the tables to protect them. If you can help, please send the plastic to your child's class teacher and we will do the rest.
- Some staff members have PDP's, the license needed to drive the school buses and these have to be renewed from time to time. Unfortunately, the GP that offered this consultation to the school pro bono, is no longer practicing. Do you know of a GP who could assist us? See attached example of the medical form that would need to be completed for the renewal of a PDP.

Yours sincerely



ANN MORTON  
Principal



**PINELANDS NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CONQUESTA OLYMPIADS**

Dear Parents

Our Grade 4 - 7 pupils have once again been invited to participate in the Conquesta 2021 Olympiads. Choices of Conquesta Olympiads are:

English (First Language);  
Afrikaans (Second Language);  
Mathematics

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage as many pupils as possible to participate in the above mentioned Olympiads as they benefit the pupils greatly. Each participant will also receive a certificate.

All completed entry forms, together with the correct fee, enrolment fee and fee for each chosen olympiad, should be returned to school no later than Friday, 25 June 2021. The Karri app will be open for payments. The entry form with the chosen subjects must be returned to Crystal Dougall.

Thank you for your continued support of the Conquesta Olympiads.

Yours sincerely

Bev Pereira

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CONQUESTA REPLY SLIP

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT	x	R 20 per paper
English (First Language)		R
Afrikaans (Second Language)		R
Mathematics		R
Enrolment Fee		R 22
Total		R

The logo for Pinelands North Primary School (PNIPS) is displayed in a bold, dark red font. The letters 'P', 'N', and 'S' are significantly larger than the 'I' and 'P's, and the 'I' is stylized with a horizontal bar across its top. The background of the entire page is a faded photograph of children sitting on the grass in a schoolyard, with trees and a fence visible in the distance.

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Techniques for approaching Assessments

**Live Between**

17:00-18:00

Date: 26 May 2021

Cost: **R50-** Resource Pack included

Presented by: Joanne Peers, Desi Nicolopoulos and Haley Holton



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## Virtual Sports Showcase

19 May 2021

Live on Zoom & Facebook

Part 1: 09:30 - 10:30 | Part 2: 11:00 - 12:00

Join us for an active morning filled with  
a showcase of our sports offerings.

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**Friday**

**Class 1: 13:30 - 14:00**

**Class 2: 14:10 - 14:40**

**R510 per term  
(R140 annual reg fee)**

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